

Dear Director Powell and FCC Commissioners

What are you doing to curb the blatant actions of Sinclair Broadcasting to use its giant outreach to influence the coming election.

What they intend to air is not news, is not a documentary. To say that they will balance it by inviting John Kerry to a panel discussion to defend his actions of 30 years ago is ludicrous. What we will see is something more like the Jerry Springer show with individuals shouting at him from the audience.

I watched PBS Frontline last night. Here was a balanced look at both candidates which brought up positive and negative aspects of their pasts as well as interviews with appropriate people. There was a lot of useful information rather than innuendo and unsubstantiated charges.

Media consolidation without oversight and strong rules of "fairness" leads to this type of misuse of the airwaves. Since Sinclair uses these "public" airwaves free of charge and makes \$millions on advertising shouldn't they be required by law to serve the public interest????

We need less consolidation of media and more local ownership. I want to see news and interview shows that affect my local and regional area. I also want local responsibility so that stations that abuse their power can be held accountable.

Hearings to renew licenses should be public and take all of these things into consideration.

Please stop Sinclair's plan to air the anti-Kerry material. There is a documentary that is pro-Kerry (Up the River (?)) - maybe they should be required to air this on the following evening in Prime time.

Cordially,

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